

# Update on Department of Health (DC Health) Operating Status during COVID-19 Emergency

#### What is our operating status?

DC Health remains operational. We will continue to provide essential services; however, there may be changes to how some services are provided.

#### How does this impact what we do?

**DC Health and Wellness Center** (77 P Street, NE) remains committed to our community and to helping people stay safe and healthy. We will be offering services in person at the Health and Wellness Center on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays—services are available by appointment only (please call 202-741-7692 to make an appointment). Some types of appointments may be handled via telehealth visits. Currently we are offering the following services:

- Testing and treatment for patients with STIs/STI symptoms
- Emergency Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)
- Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) starts and routine visits
- Rapid HIV Anti-Retroviral treatment starts
- Prescription refills
- Assistance with benefits and access to other services

Please call us at 202-741-7692. We are here to help.

If you are in need of emergency treatment, please call us at 202-741-7692 to make arrangements for treatment.

**DC Health Vital Records Division (DCVRD)** continues modified operations and will only be providing services online and via phone:

- Online Certificate Orders https://dchealth.dc.gov/vital-records (click the "Remote ordering service provider" section for all online ordering options)
- Phone Certificate Orders 1-877-572-6332
- Mail Birth Certificate Orders https://www.vitalchek.com/Fax-Phone/DC Birth Application.pdf
- Mail Death Certificate Orders https://www.vitalchek.com/Fax-Phone/DC\_Death\_Application.pdf
- Mail Certificate Amendment Orders Email us at dcvrd.legal@dc.gov
- Funeral Home Portal Orders (shipping only) https://funeralhome.vitalchek.com

Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing time. Shipping times will vary based on shipping method selected by



customer.

If you have scheduled an appointment, a representative from DCVRD will contact you to advise next steps. You may call 202-442-9303 to ask DCVRD related questions.

**DC** Health Regulation and Licensing Administration Processing Center (HRLA) is available for mail services only. If you have scheduled an appointment, a representative from HRLA will contact you to advise the next steps.

All HRLA related documents should be mailed to one of the lockboxes listed <u>here</u>. Individuals may also call the Processing Center at 1 (877) 672-2174 to get an update on their pending applications.

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all Health Professional Board meetings are canceled until further notice. Please check each board's respective website for information on when the next meeting will take place.

### How does this impact our physical locations?

- **DC Health Main Offices (899 North Capitol Street NE)** Closed to the public through the duration of this public health emergency.
- **DC Health and Wellness Center (77 P Street NE)** –Open, but only seeing patients by appointment only.

# What else are we offering to meet your needs?

• DC Health has established a phone line, 202-576-1117, and email address (<a href="mailto:coronavirus@dc.gov">coronavirus@dc.gov</a>) where residents can have their COVID-19 questions answered.

#### What precautions are we taking to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Our employees are taking precautions to keep themselves healthy and limit the spread of infections like regularly washing their hands, cleaning facilities more frequently, and reducing close contact with each other and residents. Employees have been asked to let their supervisor know immediately if they feel sick.

## Where should you go if you have questions?

For questions about any of the services we provide and information on any future changes, please contact us at doh@dc.gov. For more information, please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.

